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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend Claims 26-29 as indicated in the following Listing of Claims. Please add new Claims 31-46.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-25 (canceled).

26. (currently amended) A bottle carrier comprising:

a first half;

a second half;

wherein said first half is foldingly attached to said second half about a spine fold line; and

~~at least one extruded adhesive strip~~ a plurality of hot melt glue strips,
wherein at least one of the glue strips adheres ~~adhering~~ said first half to said second half
 on ~~an adhesive line~~ lines, and wherein said adhesive ~~line is~~ lines are transverse to said spine fold line.

27. (currently amended) The bottle carrier of claim 26 wherein said adhesive ~~line is~~ lines are perpendicular to said spine fold line.

28. (original) The bottle carrier of claim 26 wherein:

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said bottle carrier comprises a first side and an opposing second side; and
wherein said first side is a laminate film.

29. (currently amended) The bottle carrier of claim 26 wherein:

said first half of said blank comprises a first portion and a second portion;

and

said first portion is attached to said second portion by at least one of said
~~extruded adhesive~~ hot melt glue strips.

30. (canceled)

31. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 26, wherein the first half comprises:

a front panel;

a left front panel; and

a right front panel, wherein the left front panel and the right front panel are
adjacent to the front panel.

32. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 31, wherein the second half comprises:

a back panel;

a left back panel; and

a right back panel, wherein the left back panel and the right back panel are
adjacent to the back panel.

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33. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 32, wherein the plurality of hot melt glue strips comprises at least four strips.

34. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 33, wherein the plurality of hot melt strips comprises at least six strips.

35. (new) A bottle carrier, comprising:
a first half comprising a front panel, and a left front panel and a right front panel both adjacent to the front panel;

a second half foldingly connected to the first half along a spine fold line, the second half comprising a back panel, a left back panel and a right back panel both adjacent to the back panel, at least one bottom panel adjacent to the back panel, and a back spine; and

a plurality of hot melt glue strips oriented transversely to the spine fold line and adhering the first half to the second half, wherein at least one of the hot melt glue strips connects the left front panel to the back spine.

36. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 35, wherein at least one of the hot melt glue strips connects a right front glue flap of the first half to a right back glue flap of the second half.

37. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 36, comprising:

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a handle reinforcing portion adhered to a handle portion by at least one hot melt glue strip.

38. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 35, wherein the plurality of hot melt glue strips comprises at least four strips.

39. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 38, wherein the plurality of hot melt glue strips comprises at least six strips.

40. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 38, wherein the first half comprises a panel graphic, at least one of the hot melt glue strips extending along an edge of the panel graphic.

41. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 38, wherein:
the bottle carrier comprises a first side and an opposing second side; and
wherein the first side is a laminate film.

42. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 38, comprising:
a plurality of hot melt glue strips oriented along adhesive lines that are
substantially parallel to the spine fold line.

43. (new) A bottle carrier, comprising:
a first half, comprising:

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a front panel;
a right front panel adjacent to the front panel;
a left front panel adjacent to the front panel; and
a front spine adjacent to the left front panel;
a second half, comprising:
a back panel;
a left back panel; and
a right back panel; and
a plurality of hot melt glue strips; wherein:
the first half is foldingly attached to the second half along a spine fold
line;
the hot melt glue strips are arranged transverse to the spine fold line;
at least one of the hot melt glue strips adheres the first half to the second
half; and
the bottle carrier comprises a first laminate film side and an opposing
second side,

44. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 43, wherein the plurality of hot melt
glue strips comprises at least six strips, at least two of the strips being located on each
side of the first half.

45. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 44, wherein at least one of the adhesive
strips extends adjacent to an edge of a panel graphic.

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46. (new) The bottle carrier of claim 45, comprising:
a handle reinforcing portion adhered to a handle portion by at least one hot
melt glue strip.